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Actors Gymnasium Gala Celebrating 20 Years of Flying High

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Actors Gymnasium in Evanston, IL will celebrate 20 years of achievement in their Soaring '20s gala this spring at 27 Live (photo courtesy of The Actors Gymnasium).

Dedicated to bringing a new physicality to the American Theatre, The Actors Gymnasium encourages ground-breaking theatrical exploration in their work teaching circus arts, physical theater and multi-disciplinary performance to children and adults; producing original, daring works of circus-theater; and serving as a talent resource, providing performance opportunities to students and innovative professional event entertainment for a wider audience.

Actors Gymnasium classes are taught in a 3,000 sq/ft gymnasium space that features a 1,600 sq/ft sprung floor and a fully rigged 24 foot ceiling. The facility is fully equipped and students learn to work with a battery of professional equipment, including the Aerial Hoop, Spanish Web, aerial silks, static trapeze and more, as well as the equipment for ground skills such as unicycling, juggling, tight wire and gymnastics. Starting Fall Session 2015 additionally classes will be taught in their Studio 108, a 900 sq/ft classroom space that features a floating sprung White Oak dance

floor, a fully rigged 14 foot ceiling, a handstand wall, conditioning ladders, and room length 12 foot mirrors for aerial dynamics.

27 Live is located at 1012 Church St. in Evanston, IL behind the Davis CTA and Metra train stations.

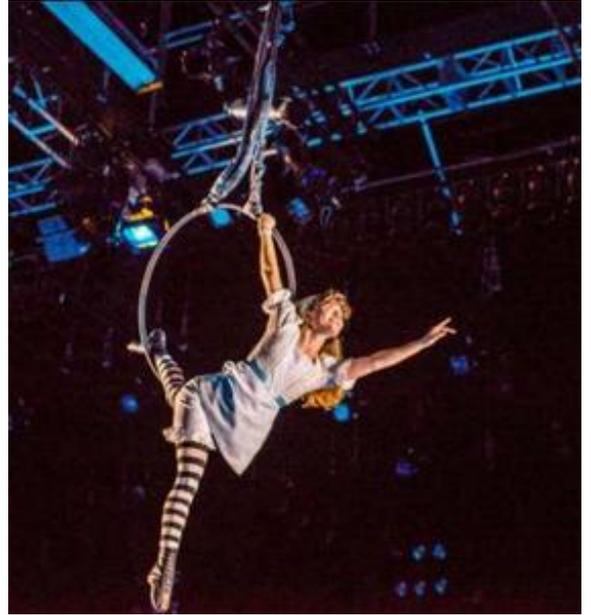
For more information about the upcoming gala or to RSVP by phone, call 847.328.2795 or e-mail james@actorsgymnasium.org.

For 20 years people have been learning to fly physically, emotionally and creatively at The Actors Gymnasium. It's a place where people build confidence, develop lasting relationships with the community, and expand their creativity. On April 16 at 7:00 p.m., The Actors Gymnasium will celebrate 20 years of artistry and achievement with Soaring '20s at 27 Live in Evanston, IL.

All proceeds from the Gala will help The Actors Gymnasium continue to grow a promising future with new initiatives scholarships.

Doors open at 7:00 p.m. with live performances throughout the evening. Attendees will enjoy delectable food, an open bar and have a chance to bid on an array of auction items. Cocktail or 20's themed attire is encouraged.

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Actors Gymnasium in their acclaimed collaboration with Lookingglass Theater in the hit production, *Lookingglass Alice* (photos courtesy of The Actors Gymnasium)

